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SUBJECT: VOLKSWAGEN AND THE ESV

1. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM THE
FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (FMT):

"THE VOLKSWAGENWERK HAD PROMISED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO MAKE AVAILABLE SEVERAL ESV'S FOR TEST PURPOSES. IN THIS
CONNECTION VOLKSWAGEN HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:"
'BECAUSE OF THE RSV ORDER, THE CAPACITY OF VOLKSWAGEN'S RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT IS FULLY UTILIZED; THEREFORE, AT PRESENT WE SEE NO
POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING SAFETY VEHICLES TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE
DOT. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR THE ESV PROJECT
IS NOT VERY PROMISING GIVEN THE CHANGED SITUATION RESULTING FROM
THE RSV PHILOSOPHY AND THE HIGH COSTS OF ESV VOLKSWAGENS.'
'WOULD YOU KINDLY INFORM THE NHTSA OF THE ABOVE.'
"THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S INFORMING THE DOT."

2. THE EMBASSY'S MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CONTACTS HAVE NO FURTHER
INFORMATION RE THE BACKGROUND OF VW'S LETTER.
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